### MANY MEASURES DEBATED FIRST

Railway Company Required to Main- Clash With Marshall Over Manner Members of Executive Committee Minnesota Statesman Objects to Many Prominent Knights Templar Body Will Be Sent in Warship to tain Track to Navy Yard.

COMMISSIONERS TO DIRECT

National Board of Sanitary Inspectors Authorized-Reports to Be Made to House.

At the meeting of the House District by Representative Moore of Pennsylvania directing the Philadelphia, Baltimore maintain its track connection with the United States navy yard in this city by means of a single track on K street and carried the legislature. Canal street southeast, either as at present located or in some other location by the Commissioners.

tion on the bill introduced by Repre- and aggressive. sentative Olcott of New York early in the present month authorizing the Presi- Taggart, who has as many political lives dent to create a board, to be composed as the most virile feline, affects to beof the surgeon general of the army, the lieve the governor is mistaken in his sugchief of the bureau of medicine and gestion. This he discovered after the surgery of the navy and the head of the control of the convention had slipped bureau of public health and marine hos- from his grasp. Now he is posing as the pital service, to be known as the na- people's friend. tional board of sanitary inspectors.

### Retirement of School Teachers.

There was considerable discussion the bill introduced by Representative Smith of Michigan, chairman of the committee, to establish and disburse a public school teachers' retirement fund in the District, but no decision was reached. A good many objections were made to features of this bill, although the committee by a test vote went on record in favor of the general proposition involved. The committee will meet again Saturday morning of this week to complete consideration of this measure.

### Work in Prospect.

The District committee had a lot of there will be a hearing on the bill to organization is effected. regulate the practice of osteopathy in the District. Tomorrow evening arguprohibit the Washington Gas Light Company from increasing its outstanding indebtedness. Friday morning there will be a hearing on the proposed readjustfund. Saturday morning there will be an executive session of the District commitee to vote on the retirement bill already mentioned. Next Monday and Tuesday morning there will be hearings on the four bills to regulate the labeling and sales of food, drugs and beverages in the District.

Tenth Biennial Session.

## REPORTS OF THE OFFICERS

Reception Given at the White House at 2:30 O'Clock This

Afternoon. The Colonial Dames are not going to

have comment by the press upon everything which occurs at the tenth biennial council of the national society, which began in the ballroom of the Arlington today at 10 o'clock. They reached this decision shortly after assembling, and it was determined to allow only members of the society to appear on the convention floor during the sessions. Even the young girls whom a number of the Dames desired to have act as pages were not chosen, as had been planned by some of the District members. So that no news except that which the Dames desire to have in the public press will be disclosed. give out only such matter as in her judgment should be published.

## Opening Session.

The session was called to order shortly in the chair. Mrs. Joseph R. Lamar presented the report of the executive committee of the society, after which the report of the various officers of the sowere heard. The list is as follows: Mrs. Howard Townsend, honorary president; Mrs. Cox, president; Mrs. Beverly Kennon, honorary vice president; Mrs. A. F. Jamieson, Mrs. H. F. Le H. Lyster and Mrs. Barret Wendell, vice presidents; Mrs. Joseph R. Lamar, secretary; Mrs. Y. Taylor, assistant secretary; Mrs. J. Cassatt, treasurer; Mrs. Nathaniel Bacon, registrar; Miss Alice French, historian.

### Of Special Interest.

The report of Miss French was of particular interest to the Dames, a historical sketch of the efforts of the society members during the past two years being given. Delegates from the fourteen original societies, including those of the thirteen original states and the District of Conkling. Columbia, as well as from the twentyfour associate societies of other states, were in attendance.

At 2:30 o'clock this afternoon President Taft gave a reception in the east room of the White House for the delegates, and this evening there will be a reception and necticut avenue. The list of those in the receiving line will include Mrs. Samuel Spencer, Mrs. Francis J. Ricks and Mrs. J. D. Patten.

## HAZERS AS PEDESTRIANS

Walking Part of Punishment of Three est Pointers

Three young West Point cadets will never heard of cyanide being used to have a fair chance to break Pedestrian kill vermin. Neither did he recall ever weston's record as the penalty for having sold any cyanide in lump form. mildly" hazing fourth class men, under the terms of an order issued by Col. Scott, superintendent of the Military Academy. Had it not been for the passage of the special act of Congress, authorizing the Secretary of War to dispose of their cases in accordance with the new regulations, they would have been expelled from the academy. So it is presumed they will take the punishment prescribed by the superintendent in good part.

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having sold any cyanide in lump form. So dangerous was this poison, and so rare were sales in capsules, said Mr. Brecklein, that he informed Dr. Hyde of its deadly qualities, and informed Mr. Brecklein, that he informed Dr. Hyde of its deadly qualities, and informed Mr. So. S. Iroquois, 1890-1-2; as commandant, naval station, Puget Sound, Wash., January, 1893, to August, 1896; was promoted to commander June 27, 1897, and was transferred to the retired list August 28, 1898, upon reaching the statutory retirement age of sixty-two years. During the Spanish-American war he

or Eliminate Him.

of Selecting Senator-Governor Hopeful of Dominating.

INDIANAPOLIS. April 27 .- The demvention begins sessions tonight.

the Wabash, despite the optimism of the P. MacLennan of the Topeka (Kansas) followers of Gov. Thomas R. Marshall. State Journal as second vice president. committee today a favorable report was but the governor is standing by his guns The board also elected Melville E. Stone ordered on the bills introducd last May and his suggestion to the state democ- as secretary, Charles S. Diehl as assist-

His suggestion was that the state con- urer.

The committee also took favorable ac- through the state the party is active New York Times and Gen. Charles H.

Gov. Marshall is the real leader, but

#### Taggart Carries Indianapolis.

At the eleventh hour he has proposed a plan for a state primary after the general seven vacancies in the board of directors. fixes the date for December 10.

His Hoosier steam roller is in fine condition. This was demonstrated last night, when he carried Indianapolis and Marion county for delegates to the convention. The returns showed that he had 177 out of 183 delegates. Then he had adopted a Herald. resolution that bound the opposition six to a unit rule.

U. S. Jackson, chairman of the state and by the resignation of Charles H. committee, has at Taggart's command Grasty of the Baltimore Sun. changed the program of the convention and brought on a fight that means supremacy of either Taggart or Marshall. The state chairman calls the convention work ahead of it. Tomorrow morning to order and presides until the temporary four divisions of the Associated Press:

The Taggart program is to have the rules and organization committee report suggestion as to the senatorship.

This would leave Gov. Marshall "up in ment of the police and firemen's pension chairman, which has been prepared to Samuel Strauss, New York Globe. swing the convention to indorse a senatorial candidate. Last night Gov. Marshall served notice on the state committee that he would not serve as temporary chairman if the committee should report to Chairman Jackson.

### Sorry He Started Something.

Friends of Gov. Marshall say he has liche Post. expressed regret that his suggestion for candidate has brought about strife and Gray, Atlanta Journal, secretary; F.

Colonial Society Holds Its be permanent chairman of the conven-

It was stated on good authority that Senator Shively was opposed to Gov. Marshall's indorsement of the convention plan and Taggart's state-wide primary to nominate a candidate for the Senate. He preferred, it was said, that Members nominating committee: Charles the subject should go to the legislature W. Hornick, San Francisco Call, and Aldirect, but that as a compromise he would favor calling a separate state convention, the delegates selected for the express purpose of nominating a candidate for the Senate.

# SAY HYDE BOUGHT POISON

DRUGGIST AND CLERKS TESTI-FY IN SWOPE TRIAL.

Assert That Extreme Precaution Was Taken in Furnishing Cyanide of Potassium to Doctor.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., April 27.-Testi-A member of the society was chosen to mony relating to Dr. B. Clark Hyde's alleged purchases of poison was heard at today's session of the trial of Dr. Hyde for the murder of Col. Thomas H. Swope. Miss Ada Hoover, a bookkeeper employed by Hugo Brecklein, a druggist: Oscar after 10 o'clock, with Mrs. W. R. Cox Brecklein, a pharmacist; Lazier Williams, a clerk of the Brecklein store; John Massman, another clerk, and Hugo Brecklein testified. Williams testified to an alleged purcyanide of potassium by Dr. Hyde December 5. The order, said Williams, was first telephoned to the store, and Mr. Brecklein, suspecting error, ordered the clerk to telephone Dr. Hyde and see

#### if it was correct. Dr. Hyde Questioned.

"I called Dr. Hyde and asked him if he ordered the cyanide," said Williams. "He answered he had. I inquired what grand jury and not yet completed, manhe wanted to do with it. He said he ifestly cannot, with propriety, be dis-desired to kill dogs." cussed at the present time." desired to kill dogs." "Did you then fill the order?" asked Prosecutor Conkling.

"Did you ever before sell cyanide of potassium to a physician?" queried Mr. Capt. John C. Morong, Retired, Suc-"Never," Williams answered.

### "Did you sell it in capsule form to anybody but Dr. Hyde?"

Warning to Dr. Hyde. Hugo Brecklein told of Dr. Hyde's call

some dogs which had bothered him con-"Did he mention that he wanted to kill bugs or cockroaches in his office?" "He did not.

Mr. Brecklein said that in the twenty-three years he had been a druggist

Records for Twenty-Four Hours.

This will be, in the case of Cadet Robert N. Bodine, confinement to the barracks and area and gymnasium, and to walk the usual punishment tour each Wednesday and Saturday until the Corps of Cadets goes into summer camp. Thereafter, he is to be confined to that part of the camp east of the hedge and to walk five hours daily (excepting Sundays and holidays) until July 5.

Cadets Edward C. Boykin and Harold M. Rayner of the third class are to have the same punishment, except that their tours will expire June 25.

Records for Twenty-Four Hours.

The following were the readings of the thermometer and barometer at the weather bureau for the twenty-four hours beginning at 2 p.m. yesterday:

Thermometer—April 26. 4 p.m., 58; 8 p.m., 54; 12 midnight, 49. April 27, 4 a.m., 46; 8 a.m., 50; 12 noon, 60; 2 p.m., 62. Maximum, 62 at 2 p.m. April 27; 18 minimum, 43, 7 a.m. April 27.

Barometer—April 26. 4 p.m., 58; 8 p.m., 50; 12 noon, 60; 2 p.m., 62. Maximum, 62 at 2 p.m. April 27; 18 minimum, 43, 7 a.m. April 27.

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# Press Directors.

SESSION TONIGHT FRANK B. NOYES PRESIDENT ASSAILS RAILROAD

Chosen-Seven Vacancies in the Board Selected.

NEW YORK, April 27.-At a meeting ocratic party of Hoosierdom is about to of the board of directors of the Assomix up in a fight that will mean either clated Press held in this city today the the dominating influence of Thomas Tag- board elected Frank B. Noyes of the gart or his elimination of Thomas Tag- Washington (D. C.) Star as president, R. M. Johnston of the Houston (Texas) The moon is somewhat obscured along Post as first vice president and Frank ant secretary and J. R. Youatt as treas-

and Washington Railroad Company to vention should indorse a candidate for The board also elected the following United States senator to succeed Senator members of the board of directors as Beveridge in the event that the domocrats members of the executive committee: Victor F. Lawson of the Chicago Daily The outlook for carrying the legisla- News, Frank B. Noyes of The Washingture is rosy. The democrats have a ma- ton Star, Charles W. Knapp of the St. jority of the holdover senators. All Louis Republic, Adolph S. Ochs of the Taylor of the Boston Globe.

All the elections were made by unanimous vote.

Election of Seven Directors. Members of the Associated Press met yesterday for the eleventh annual meeting. The attendance in point of numbers was the largest ever gathered at a similar meeting. After the reading of the various commit-

elections to decide the senatorship. He The voting resulted in the election of the Clark Howell, Atlanta Constitution; Charles W. Knapp, St. Louis Republic; V. get out, and I predict that the Attorney General never will attempt his experi-S. McClatchy, Sacramento Bee; Albert J. Barr, Pittsburg Post; Charles Hopkins Clark, Hartford Courant; Frank B. Noyes, Mr. Crawford's "frantic appeal" to the

Washington Star; A. C. Weiss, Duluth

tee reports elections were held to fill

the vacancies created by the death of Rufus N. Rhodes of the Birmingham News

### Advisory Board Named.

In addition the following were elected as members of the advisory board of the Eastern division-Don C. Seitz, New bill was followed by another fusillade by York World, chairman; Barclay H. War- Senator Hughes, democrat, of Colorado. burton, Philadelphia Telegraph: Patrick ments will be heard by the committee to Jackson. In his report the Taggart C. Boyle, Oil City Derrick; John H. Fahey, for and against the Coudry resolution to element desires to ignore the governor's Boston Traveler; Oto A. Meyer, Utica Press. secretary.

> Members nominating committee-Fredthe air" in his address as temporary erick R. Martin, Providence Journal and Central division-Charles A. Otis, Cleveland News, chairman; H. H. Pin dell, Peoria Journal, secretary; John C Eastman, Chicago Journal; Gardner Cowles, Des Moines Register and Leader; E. MacLennan, Topeka State Frank Journal. Members nominating commit-tee: Arthur Capper, Topeka Capital, and Edward L. Proetorius, St. Louis West-

> division-E. B. Stahlman, Southern a convention indorsement of a senatorial Nashville Banner, chairman; James F Glass, Montgomery Advertiser; John R Ross, Charlotte Evening Chronicle; Rob-United States Senator B. F. Shively ert Ewing, New Orleans States. Mem arrived yesterday from Washington to bers nominating committee: W. J. Craw ford, Memphis Commercial Appeal, and P. A. Stovall, Savannah Press.

Western division - W. H. Cowles Spokane Spokesman Review, chairman R. A. Crothers, San Francisco Bulletin, secretary; I. N. Stevens, Pueblo Chieftain E. T. Earl, Los Angeles Express, and W W. Chapin, Seattle Post-Intellingencer. den J. Blethen, Seattle Times.

## GOVERNMENT TO PROVIDE.

Widow and Children of Leonard Gross Destitute in Nicaragua. The widow of Leonard Gross, who, with Leroy Cannon, was shot to death by or- don and Northwestern railroad, above

der of former President Zelaya of Nicwhich he flew northward at a fine speed, aragua several months ago, is destitute, despite a smart head wind. ill and entirely friendless at Managua. This information reached the State Department today in a telegram from Consul Olivares, who states that the consulate is assisting the widow and her four small children. Upon receipt of this telegram Secretary Knox immediatey wired the consul to draw on the State Department for sufficient funds to support them in an appropriate manner, pending this government's future demand on Nicaragua for indemnity on behalf of the relatives of Gross and Cannon.

## REPLIES TO CRITICISM.

Attorney General's Statement on Probe of Cotton Pool. In view of the adverse criticism and

comment made on the action of the Department of Justice in directing an investigation by the grand jury in New chase of six five-grain capsules of York into the alleged cotton pool, Attor-"The action of the government in insti-

tuting the investigation before the grand jury in New York concerning an alleged cotton pool should not in any way be construed as an attack on legitimate operations of any of the cotton or produce exchanges in the United States. "The proceeding, being one before a

## NAVAL OFFICER DEAD.

cumbs to Heart Disease.

A cablegram received at the Navy Department announces the death in Honolulu Sunday of Capt. John C. Morong, U. S. N., retired, from heart disease. Capt. Morong was born in Eastport, naval service as an acting ensign, vol-"Dr. Hyde told me he wanted to kill unteer navy, April 1, 1863; was promoted to acting master June 1, 1864, and entered the regular navy as an ensign March 12, 1868. During the civil war he served on the Mississippi squadron. He was promoted to master December 18, 1868, to lieutenant March 21, 1870, to lieutenhe never had sold cyanide for medicine. ant commander June 5, 1884. In the last named grade he served as executive of-ficer on the U. S. S. Swatara, 1885; as executive officer of U. S. S. Portsmouth, 1886; on U. S. S. New Hampshire, 1887-August 28, 1898, upon reaching the statutory retirement age of sixty-two years. During the Spanish-American war he served as inspector of the thirteenth lighthouse district from May 2, 1898, to October 14, 1898, which is the last active duty performed by this officer. Under the provisions of the act of Congress approved June 29, 1906, he was advanced to the grade of captain, on the retired list, in recognition of his service during the civil war.

> The new water works just completed at Parsons, W. Va., was given a pressure test. A stream was thrown 125 feet over the courthouse cupola.

# 'TWO BILLS FAVORED TAGGART 'IT' OR OUT VOTE IS UNANIMOUS FLAYS WICKERSHAM INSTALLED IN OFFICE SORROW IN NORWAY

Attacking Insurgents.

Measure on Ground That It Re-

peals Anti-Trust Law.

Senator Clapp of Minnesota, one of the

insurgents, answered on the floor of the

things I have pointed out in this pro-

posed legislation of his-the railroad bill?"

Mr. Clapp asked after quoting from Mr.

"It took no courage to talk protective

tariff at Delmonico's, where the first

fruits of such policy were on display,

men living in huts in the far west. And

because some of us did not accept the

Will Not Get Out.

represents to read us out of their party,

selves. There are a few of us who won't

Referring to what he characterized as

Roosevelt policies in support of his amendment, Mr. Clapp declared that Mr. Roosevelt never had attempted to dic-

tate to his party. Next to Lincoln, no man ever had so accurately interpreted the public will, or had been so far from attempt at dictation as Mr. Roosevelt,

Besides assailing the Attorney General,

Senator Clapp also poured some broad-

sides into the railroad bill as it now

stands in the Senate. His attack on the

concerned it repeals the anti-trust law.

Senator Hughes objected on the further

ground that it delegated legislative au-

Senator Heyburn defended the meas-

ire, answering arguments advanced by

LOUIS PAULHAN, AVIATOR,

Continues Flight From London to

Manchester, With \$50,000 as

the Incentive.

the French aviator, started on his flight

toward Manchester from Hampstead at

motor was working well, Paulhan trav-

ward of his starting point, so as to get

right, the aeronaut picked out the Lon-

Hopes for Continuous Flight.

Prior to his departure Paulhan an-

Under the conditions of the race the

aviator has twenty-four hours in which

to make the trip and is allowed to make

two stops to replenish his supply of pe-

trol. The distance from London to Man-

Graham White, the English aeronaut,

followed Paulhan on his flight to Man-

chester at 6:32 o'clock, starting from

HARROW, England, April 27.-Paulhan

passed over this town, which is ten miles

Virginia authorities have determined to

ascertain to what extent the hookworm

malady prevails. In order to carry out

the plans of the health department the

school will be visited and the children in-

spected. In one section of the state, it

is said, there is an entire county which is

so affected that many of the people are both mentally and physically deficient.

"Baby Stuart"

Additional copies of this picture-size 15x20, on heavy

plate paper—given at The Star

office with a coupon from last Sunday's Star and 10 cents, may now be had. These pictures are genuine photograv-

ures, hand colored.

state will be divided into districts. Every

nounced his intention of trying to reach

the goal without a stop.

chester is 186 miles.

Wormwood Scrubs.

Senators Clapp and Hughes.

thority to the interstate commerce com-

on the ground

Wickersham's speech.

the brunt of the battle.

out of the party organization.

Impressive Ceremony.

BILL GOOD MUSICAL PROGRAM ALL THEATERS ARE CLOSED

Take Part in Exercises-Ladies' Auxiliary Meets.

Senate yesterday afternoon the recent its new commander, Rev. Dr. William speech of Attorney General Wickersham Hart Dexter, and other officers-elect at in Chicago, in which the insurgents were New Masonic Temple last evening, when Grand Commander Walter H. Klopfer "Who commissioned the Attorney Genand the other officers of the Grand Comeral to read men out of the party bemandery paid their annual visitation. cause they would not follow blindly the An unusual feature of the occasion was the presence of six past grand commanders, William T. Galliher, Harrison Dingman, George Gibson, A. W. Kelley, Thomas P. Morgan and W. H. H. Cissel, "Who ever heard of him as a republican and twelve past commanders of De Molay until he entered the President's cabinet? Commandery, Messrs. Cissel, Kelley, Gal-And who are the men that he would liher, M. O'Connor, W. F. Gude, Robert read out of the party? They are men Cook, Thomas E. Landon, August Lawho for twenty-five years have borne mond, Adolph Gude, Maurice Otterback, Court F. Wood and James F. Marshall. Grand Commander Klopfer conducted

### but it did take courage to talk it to the Prelate Rev. Dr. J. R. Verbrycke. The New Officers.

the installation ceremonies, assisted by

Grand Inspector General Galliher. The

dictum of this man we are called free The officers installed were, in additraders and are told that we must get tion to Commander Dexter: Generalissimo, Carl E. Burgdorf; captain general, Eugene E. Thompson; senior warden, Gratz E. Dunkum; junior warden, "I would like to see the warrant for William W. Biggs; prelate, Rev. Walter this reading out authority. There is only F. Smith; standard bearer, John Tuxone way for this little minority that he ton; sword bearer, John T. Barrett; guards, James L. Marshall and William and that is for them to get out them-N. Beahm.

Officers re-elected, and therefore not reinstalled, were: Recorder, William H. Parsons; treasurer, Emil G. Schafer. An address to the grand commander was made by the Rev. Walter F. Smith, to which the grand commander replied. Mrs. S. E. James sang a soprano solo and Miss J. Buckingham gave a dramatic recitation. The trumpeter of De Molay, W. F. Smith, followed with a cornet solo, "The Lost Chord."

A gold-mounted sword was presented to the retiring commander, William N. Beahm, by his predecessor in office, James L. Marshall. The new prelate was rembered with a silk umbrella, presented by the new commander. A bass solo was sung by Paul S. Dexter, and the program concluded with music by the orchestra.

### Refreshments Enjoyed.

Refreshments were served in the arso far as railroad companies are mory adjoining the asylum, and the sir knights and women present lingered for an hour or more in social intercourse before dispersing.

During the formal visitation of the commandery the Ladies' Auxiliary held its monthly business meeting in the office of the commander, under the direction of Mrs. Katherine Loffler, president, and Mrs. William N. Beahm, secretary.

### CONSERVE THE LAND TRYING FOR BIG PRIZE

Reducing Cost of Living. LONDON, April 27.-Louis Paulhan

NEW YORK, April 27 .- Secretary Wil-5:22 o'clock this afternoon. Paulhan is son of the Department of Agriculture competing for the fifty-thousand-dollar urged proper conservation of the soil as prize for a flight from London to Manthe only permanent method of relief from a continuation of increase in the cost of After a brief trial spin, which he made with the object of finding out if the on agricultural conditions in New York, held in the New York Produce Exchange eled a short distance to the southeast-

building this afternoon. "We cannot afford to buy food from within a five-mile radius of Charing foreign countries," he said, "and we must Cross, required under the rules of the see to it that our western farms produce contest. Then, swerving quickly to the enough not only for home consumption, but also to sell abroad and square up the balances of trade."

#### Calls for Careful Inquiry. Secretary Wilson said in part:

"The cost of living calls for careful inquiry into the causes that have operated to bring about conditions that are new to us as a people. We have had great abundance of food at prices that were lower than most other countries with we compete in commerce and manufacturing. Compensation for skill and labor has been comparatively high in our country, but increased cost of living has become a disturbing factor that cannot be adjusted at present to the satis-

faction of those concerned. "The major part of our people in the east are being fed from the Mississippi valley, and the states of the south draw much from the same source. I am well satisfied that the soils of that valley are being subjected gradually to the same unfrom London, at 5:40 p.m. He was flying being subjected gradually to the same un-splendidly at a height of 200 feet and was wise treatment that so seriously reduced Scandinavia, as he was the most read.

## Necessity for Education.

"The necessity for educating the farmer are being taken in all our states and territories to this end. Sciences are being applied and research made into causes and results. Education is being extended into primary schools in many of our states. Federal and state governments are spending money freely for this purpose, and students are multiplying. The results of research are being printed and a literature of the farm is growing.

"The states east of the Alleghenies are foremost in commerce, manufacturing, arts and sciences, wealth and influence They have overlooked agriculture, permitting their soils to deteriorate and reaching out to the west for food prod-The soil robber began his balefu practices there, and has gone westward until the light rainfall regions refused

to yield profitably. "The deterioration of eastern soils would have been prevented long ago had there been no cheap rich soils in the Mississippi valley, or had demand been closer up to supply. Western lands are dearer and have gone beyond the reach of poor people. The lands of the east and south are reduced in productive power, but they are cheap, they are convenient to good markets, they can be improved and they will be, but the methods by which a farm is improved is quite

Germany he bought his farm, Aulestad, his store would be burned.

These facts were laid before President journey from the capital, since his sumont of Justice for months pursued an investigation. different from that by which it was reduced. Ignorance permitted the soil to Rome become unproductive, the highest intelligence is required to bring back fertility.

## Importation of Food Unwise.

change in our economies, a revolution in our policies, which may be avoided by better farming and a comprehensive view of the situation by those who deal in big ufacturing or finance.

dance of meats and grains and low in 1870, he wrote nothing for the public

Bjornson by Storthing.

Christiania.

CALLED "HUGO OF NORTH

De Molay Mounted Commandery, No. 4, Knights Templar, publicly installed Winner of Nobel Prize-Obsequies May Change Program for Roosevelt Reception.



#### BJORNSTJERNE BJORNSON. CHRISTIANIA, Norway, April 27 .-

Evidences of mourning for Bjornsterne Bjornson, the Norwegian poet and novelist, who died at Paris last night, were decidedly adverse to agricultural are universal. King Haakon and Queen Maud have

telegraphed their condolences to the widow The storthing met today and deided on a state funeral. Immediately afterward it adjourned as an evidence of the

public grief All the theaters were closed today. The sufficiently advanced to show what efprepared for the entertainment of Mr.

### Royal Honors for Dead.

Special Cablegram to The Star. COPENHAGEN, April 27.-There national grief throughout Denmark over Secretary Wilson's Plan for the death of Bjornsterne Bjornson, the Norwegian poet.

> He lived in Denmark in his youth, and was popular everywhere throughout the country. When the coffin containing the body arrives here Saturday it will be received

with royal honors. Warships will transport and escort the body from Copennagen to Christiania. A procession of notable people will accompany the coffin from the railway staliving, in an address at the conference tion to the wharf, where it will be placed aboard the warship. The streets through which the procession will pass will be

nung with mourning. Paralysis Causes Death in Paris.

PARIS, April 27.-Bjornstjerne Bjornson, the Norwegian novelist, playwright, poet and publicist, died at the Hotel Wagram here last night, in the seventy-eighth year of his age.

His wife, whom he married fifty-two years ago, was with him at the end. Bjornson suffered a stroke of paralysis last June, and was brought here in Norember for electro-therapeutic treatment. It was reported lately that he was merchants of various cities are said to growing better. The change came unexpectedly. The news of his death was kept from the public for several hours.

### Norway's Greatest Writer; Winner of the Nobel Prize

The French were pleased to call Bjornson "the Hugo of the North," the English styled him "Norway's Grand Old Man." His fame is more complete than that of the Frenchman or the Englishman. He was one of the greatest writers of his day-unquestionably the greatest in He was a playwright of the highest rank. His plays were performed almost

a'l over the world. For a long time he was his country's most powerful politician. He was an admirable journalist, to which not only the Norwegian press but several of the most influential newspapers of England, Germany and France have borne witness often in pithy, brilliant and convincing writings from his pen He was a great linguist and an en-

thusiastic and scientific farmer. The meaning of the name of this manysided man is "Bear Star, the Son of

#### University Career Unfinished. He entered the University of Christiania

in 1852, but did not complete his course. For several years after leaving the university he worked on newspapers. From 1857 to 1859 he was director of Bergen

many from 1860 to 1862. The next ten years he spent in his native land, two found later. years as director of the Christiania Theater and the remainder as editor of the Germany he bought his farm, Aulestad, his store would be shot and

lived many years in Paris, the Tyrol and In the winter of 1880-81 he visited America on a lecture tour. He had been

condemned to prison for treason. Bull was one of his earliest friends. Here "Importation of food will bring about a he delivered a splendid eulogy of that genius. Seven years ago the Nobel prize for literature was awarded to him.

## His Dramatic Works.

things, whether carrying, commerce, man- infused that spirit into his earlier plays. the best known of which are "A Ray of store was burned last Septembr and sup-"Our people are not grouped to advan- Sunshine," "Between Battles," "Hulda posedly the stock also. tage. Too many grew crops during the last half of the nineteenth century. Farming was a poor business during that period and did not invite people. The abun-

dance of meats and grains and low prices for them gave little encouragement to the young farmer to devote his life to agriculture. The farm went to the renter and poverty, because the renter rarely had the capital to maintain conditions that would keep up fertility. He had a short lease and no inducement to improve.

"Whoever rents land to be handled this way abandons his farm there and the land becomes poorer every year until it ceases to yield profitably.

"Every state should organize to conserve fertility of its soils."

In 1870, he wrote nothing for the public until 1875, when he produced the following plays in swift succession: "Bankrupt; "The Editor," "The King Magnity." "Leonardo," "A Glove" and "Too High an Aim."

Later plays, translated into English, this country, are "In God's Way." "The Heritage of the Kurts," "Pastor Sang." "Paul Lang and Laboremus," "On Slonhove." "Marry," "Beyond Human Power" and "Dagiannet."

His last play, glorifying youth and love, who was taken at Andalust.

"When the New Wine Blooms," was pro-duced last October.

He is survived by his widow and four children. His eldest son is an actor and heatrical manager, his second son

House Committee Passes on Convention to Make Him Boss Officers Elected by Associated Mr. Clapp Answers Speech De Molay Commandery Holds State Funeral for Bjornsterne The marriage of his daughter to Sigurd The marr

In personal appearance Bjornson bore a striking resemblance to the accepted type of vikings, from whom he was descended. He had a paralytic stroke last June, since which time his condition has been precarious.

# WANING OF FRIGID WAVE

FORECASTER PREDICTS RETURN

Temperature Rising Throughout the Country-Effects of the Recent Wintry Blasts.

The back of the frigid wave is broken. The wintry conditions that have been producing ice, frost, snow and other north pole accessories is being dissipated. and there is a prospect of a return to

is abnormally warm in Idaho and Montana and the northwest. At Havre, Mont., close to the northern line of the United States, the mercury registered ninety-four degrees yesterday."

ed for late this afternoon or tonight with gradually rising temperature. Effect of Cold on Crops.

#### The effect of last week's weather upon rops throughout the country is set forth in the national weekly bulletin of the

"Considerable snow occurred at intervals during the week over the middle and upper Mississippi valley, lake region and Ohio valley," it is stated: "that during the latter part of the week being comparatively heavy and extending southward into the northern portion of the gulf states. Some damage resulted from the breaking of fruit and shade trees by the heavy coating of snow, but it was probably more than offset by the protection it afforded to vegetation from the freezing weather following. "As a whole the weather conditions

interests from the eastern portions of the great plains to the Appalachian

"Stormy weather greatly interfered with farming operations over the more northern districts, and freezing temperatures did immense damage to fruits and vegetation of all kinds in leys and the northern portion of the mountains the weather was generally favorable. From the Rocky mountains westward to the Pacific generally

'Over the southern portion of the great plains, including the western portions of Kansas and Oklahoma, considerable damage resulted from high winds and lack of rainfall, and drought still continues over the greater portion of the Florida peninsula."

# IEWELRY FRAUD EXPOSED

Investigation of Bankruptcies and Fires.

Attorney General Wickersham intends to make public late today a statement regarding the government's action in assisting to unearth the gigantic jewelry fraud, disclosed in New York, from which

Mr. Wickersham was called to the White House early in the day, which delayed the publication of the data on the subject prepared for him by the bureau of inves-

## Eleven Men Arrested.

given to the federal authorities by the organized gang of swindlers, operating in tained fully \$500,000 within three or four Of this amount \$16,000 was contributed shipped diamonds and silverware to new firms only to lose the goods either in

Seven brothers are under arrest charges of conspiracy to defraud creditors. They are Jesse H., Daniel, A. C. R. T., James E., Hilliard and George H. John Johnson and William

#### uel Copland also have been arrested. Investigation by Government.

Several months ago southern members of the board wrote to headquarters saying the Shreve brothers were selling at prices that were driving competitors into bankruptcy. About the same time jewelry stores run by the brothers in different towns in southern Alabama closed after He lived in Italy, Denmark and Geren only a lew having obtained on credit large bills of merchandise, none of which could be

> ber of the board urged investigation, saying he knew things he could not tell

> They found that the Shreve brothers had obtained large bills of merchandise from New York firms with which to

### Fire and Bankruptcy.

Twenty thousand dollars' worth of diamonds and gold watches were shipped Bjornson was intensely patriotic, and to the store of one of the brothers at Greenville, Ala., for a special sale. This As a matter of fact, it is charged the stock had been shipped to a store Tuscaloosa owned by the brothers, and

the goods.

Last November he was taken to Paris in a private car to be treated for arterial scienosis and was placed in a private san-

OF SPRINGLIKE WEATHER

real spring balm. "The temperature is rising over the entire country east of the Rockies." Prof. Garriott said today. "It has risen rapidly in the south, but showery cond! tions continue in the Ohio valley and the lake region and eastward. The weather

For the District, showers are predict

# weather bureau.

# Farming Operations Interrupted.

funeral arrangements have not been the Ohio and middle Mississippi valfect, if any, will be felt on the program gulf states. East of the Appalachian favorable conditions prevailed.

GANG OF CHEATS MAKE HALF MILLION PROFIT.

Eleven Men Under Arrest-Federal

Investigations made by the Department of Justice, following representations to it that certain persons were engaged in these frauds, were on the basis of a violation of the national bankruptcy law.

NEW YORK, April 27.-Information jewelers' board of trade has led to the arrest of eleven men, supposed to be an different towns in Alabama, who have obyears by fake bankruptcy proceedings. by Maiden Lane jewelry firms, which

fires or bankruptcy proceedings. Franklin, negroes; A. F. Micker and Sam.

Another letter from a southern mem-

open a store at Montgomery, Ala., to be called the City Jewelry Company.

from that point they openly disposed of